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A U.S. Initiative on Shcharansky

The United States has urged South Africa to swap a Russian spy now in a Johannesburg jail, Maj. Aleksei Kozlov, for Anatoly Shcharansky, the imprisoned Soviet human-rights activist. It marks the first Reagan Administration involvement in the worldwide, effort to free the 33-year-old Jewish dissident. Sources say a break could come after South African elections in April.